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MISSOULA--

Kenneth B. Read, sanitarian at the University of Montana in Missoula, recently received the "Mary E. Soules Distinguished Service Award" from the Montana Health Association (MHA) at the association's annual meeting at Fairmont Hot Springs.

The award, presented by Richard Crankshaw, Helena, chairman of the MHA nominations committee, honors persons who have made outstanding contributions in the public health field in Montana.

The award was named after Dr. Mary E. Soules, past director of the Montana Division of Disease Control and deputy state health officer. Soules received the "Distinguished Service Award" in 1968, which was re-named in her honor after her death.

Crankshaw said the award was presented to Read on the basis of his "sustained outstanding performance in the last 25 years in the field of public health." He cited Read's experience in city, county and state sanitation affairs as contributing factors to Read's reception of the award. Crankshaw said Read has exerted "much personal influence" on persons in the public health field in Montana, and that "people continually seek his advice and guidance."

He also noted that Read's efforts have contributed toward an "excellent (sanitation) program at UM."

As University sanitarian, Read's duties are related to many UM departments, particularly those involving student services. Under the direction of Student Health Services Director Robert B. Curry, M.D., Read's responsibilities include such areas as radiation safety, instruction in environmental health and structural pest control.

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Before coming to the University of Montana in 1968, Read worked for 10 years as a sanitarian and supervising sanitarian in Great Falls. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Montana in 1952 and a master of public health degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1958.

Read is a member of the Montana Environmental Health Association and the Montana Health Association.

He was born in 1921 in Leeds, N.D. and currently resides at 502 Dearborn in Missoula.

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